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BOB EDWARDS: Last Saturday, the American Association of University Professors held a meeting in New Haven, Connecticut to discuss the issue of recruitment on American campuses by the Central Intelligence Agency. And CIA Director Stansfield Turner revealed during that meeting that the CIA was openly recruiting foreign students who are attending U.S. schools to be used as information sources when they returned home. Turner supplied that information in answer to a question from Morton Halperin, who was also a panel member representing the Center for National Security Studies.

This afternoon, NPR's Noah Adams talked with Halperin about Turner's statement.

NOAH ADAMS: Can we call this an admission?

MORTON HALPERIN: Yes.

ADAMS: It's the first time he's said it.

HALPERIN: I was surprised not by the fact. I was surprised by the fact that he was willing to admit it publicly.

ADAMS: And said it's open as recruitment as, say, IBM would come on to a campus.

HALPERIN: Well, no. He's saying that both -- everybody recruits secretly as well as openly. And what Admiral Turner said was that the CIA has a clandestine network, or a secret network of relationships with university professors and others at universities which it uses to help identify and to recruit foreign students.

ADAMS: And what's your basic concern about this? What's

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